

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2004-178-E - ORDER NO. 2004-520  
OCTOBER 21, 2004

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas	) ORDER GRANTING
Company for Approval of an Increase in its	) EXTENSION TO
Electric Rates and Charges	) PREFILE
	) TESTIMONY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission Staff (Staff) for a one-week extension of time in which to prefile its testimony and exhibits regarding the Application for an increase in rates and charges of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G). The Commission Staff and other parties of record were originally scheduled to file their prefiled testimony and exhibits on or before October 11, 2004, as set forth in letter of the Commission dated July 12, 2004, which established prefiling deadlines for the instant docket.

As grounds for the requested extension, Staff asserts that certain Staff members originally involved in the audit of SCE&G are being hired by the Office of Regulatory Staff and that this has necessitated the substitution of a potential witness for the case involved in the audit area. Staff further asserts that the Staff member that now is assigned to the case needs additional time to come “up to speed” in the case and that obviously additional time is needed to prepare testimony and exhibits. Therefore, Staff requests the

approval of a one-week extension to file testimony and exhibits in the present case from October 11, 2004, to October 18, 2004.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission discerns that the requested extension is warranted in this matter and concludes that the request of the Commission Staff for a one-week extension to file its testimony and exhibits should be granted. Accordingly, we approve and grant the Staff's request for the extension of time. Under the modified prefile date, the Commission Staff shall prefile and serve its direct testimony and exhibits on or before **October 18, 2004**. (The Staff may file and serve the direct testimony and exhibits by mail on the indicated date.)

We note that the direct testimony and exhibits of the Staff was prefiled with the Commission on October 18, 2004.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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